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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al }  
} AFFIDAVIT OF  
- vs - } MAZAKI  
} )  
ARAKI, Sadao, et al )

Mr. MAZAKI's Affidavit (In refutation of Exhibits Nos.  
3769, 3770 and 3777)

1. I was Vice-Chief of the General Staff from January, 1932 to June, 1933, and Inspector-general of Military Education from January, 1934 to July, 1935.
2. I was shown Exhibit No. 3777, an excerpt from HARADA's memoirs which says that Premier OKUDA at that time told Mr. HARADA that ARAKI and I advocated annexation of Manchuria from the first. This is not so and is a misrepresentation. The account also says that 1st Division Commander YANAGAWA was engaged at the official residence of the Minister of War. The War Minister in those days was not ARAKI, but Gen. HAYASHI.
3. I don't know on what basis Mr. OKUDA told such a thing or why Mr. HARADA misunderstood us and wrote such a thing. ARAKI, YANAGAWA and I were absolutely opposed to any aggression or annexation from our very ideology. When ARAKI was Minister of War, I Vice-Chief of Staff and YANAGAWA Vice-Minister of War, active militarism was advocated in some quarters of society. We regretted this and vigorously opposed it as much as possible.
4. I also read Exhibits No. 3769 and excerpt from HARADA's memoirs, where he said that freedom of speech was repressed because of the pressure of the Army. It is true that some of the lowest officers of the Army were extremely nervous of public opinion, but ARAKI himself favored freedom of speech. Being Vice-Chief of the General Staff I was clearly in a position to know this fact as ARAKI and I often discussed this principle and I also had an opportunity to observe his execution of this (ARAKI's principle) notably his leniency and tolerance toward those who spoke ill of him personally.

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On this 30 day of January 1948

At SETAGAYA-KU,  
TOKYO, JAPAN.

DEPONENT: Jinsaburo MIZAKI

I, Yutaka SUGAWARA hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At the same place.

Witness (signed)      SUGAWARA, Yutaka (seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

Jinsaburo MIZAKI (seal)

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一 私は昭和七年一月より同八年六月まで海軍次長昭和九年一月より

十年七月まで教育練習でありました

二 私は法廷第三七七七號原田日記の一巻なるものを示されました  
それに上ると當時の西田義理が原田氏に私及荒木等最初より瀟灑併  
て眷属者だといふて居ります之れは間違つて居ります記事に於る佛

川第一副官長が陸軍大臣官邸に詰めかけて居ると書いてあります

三 西田氏が何を基準として話したか又原田君が如何に誤解して記述

したか知りませんが私始め荒木も柳川も何れも大それた者だの  
併存だのといふ事には平素の理念から對に反對し荒木が陸軍大  
臣私が海軍次長柳川が陸軍次官の時も積もすれば世間に武力尊徳  
の聲も出るのを遠慮とし暴力之に反對して來たのです

四 又原田日記法廷證三七六九三七七〇も見えましたが草稿の末尾の  
所には自然の尖鋒化して居た所もありませうが荒木の言ひを自由

に任せ正しき實行にて可否を示せとの論者で惡口や反對を言はれて  
も曾て之れに干渉したことはありません寧ろ第三者が國がゆいと思  
ふた位でありました

私は又原田日記からの検舉法廷證三七六九一▲に原田が軍部の抑壓  
の爲言論の自由が脅迫されたと書いてあるのを読みました一部下級  
將校中には輿論に對して時に神經が尖銳化して居るものもあつた事  
は事實ですが荒木自身は言論の自由に實成であります

私は參謀次長であり荒木と此の問題に就ては幾々話し合ひましたか  
ら此う云ふ事は良くある立場にあつたのです

私は亦荒木が之れを實行し殊に彼自身の惡口を云つた者に對して荒  
大な雅量を以て対して居るのを見た事があります

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昭和二十三年（一九四八年）一月三十日 於

世田谷區世田谷一ノ一六八

供述者 真崎基三郎

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